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WORLD-RECORD FOR FRANCIS NEWTON SOUZA

South Asian Modern + Contemporary Art

Totals: \$19,721,120

310% Sold by Low Estimate; 100% Sold by Lot



World Record for the Artist

FRANCIS NEWTON SOUZA (1924-2002)

The Lovers

oil on board heightened with gold

Price Realized: \$4,890,000

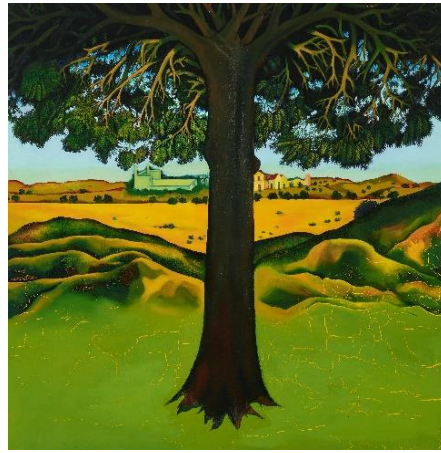
NEW YORK – Asian Art Week opened yesterday with **a new world record** for Japanese artist, Katsushika Hokusai. Today, the records continue with a second record-breaking sale, as **South Asian Modern + Contemporary Art Including Works from the Collection of Umesh and Sunanda Gaur** totaled \$19,721,120, the sale was 100 percent sold by lot, and 310 percent by low estimate. The sale was a celebration of the 100th birth anniversary of Francis Newton Souza, and fittingly, Christie's set the record for a work by the artist, when Souza's *The Lovers* sold for \$4,890,000. Other highlights of the sale included Souza's *Priest with Chalice*, which sold for \$3,922,000. Gulammohammed Sheikh's *Portrait of a Tree* realized \$1,381,000, nine-times its low estimate. Souza's *Men in Boats* sold for \$693,000, Manjit Bawa's *Untitled* more than doubled its low estimate, realizing \$693,000, while Souza's *Untitled (Head of a Cardinal)* achieved \$630,000.

Nishad Avari, Head of Classical & Contemporary Indian and South Asian Art, said: "Christie's is thrilled to have set a new record for Francis Newton Souza in this landmark sale that celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth. The market for this artist and this category are stronger than ever, a testament to the brilliance of South Asia's artists."

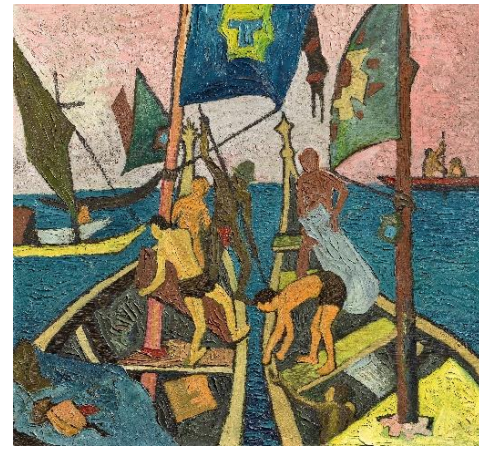
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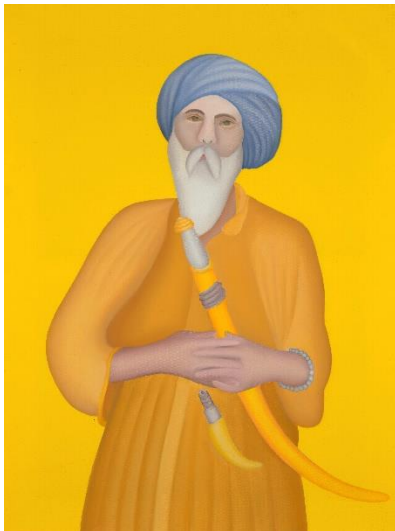
FRANCIS NEWTON SOUZA (1924-2002)
Priest with Chalice
oil on board
Price Realized: \$3,922,000



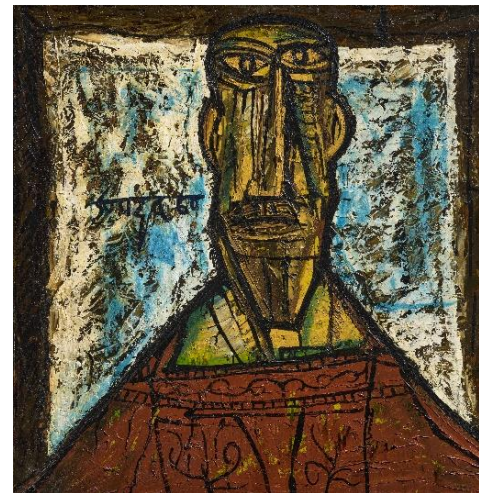
GULAMMOHAMMED SHEIKH (B. 1937)
Portrait of a Tree
Price Realized: \$1,381,000



FRANCIS NEWTON SOUZA (1924-2002)
Men in Boats
oil on board
Price Realized: \$693,000



MANJIT BAWA (1941-2008)
Untitled
oil on canvas
Price Realized: \$693,000



FRANCIS NEWTON SOUZA (1924-2002)
Untitled (Head of a Cardinal)
oil on board
Price Realized: \$630,000

The day began with the sale of **Indian, Himalayan and Southeast Asian Works of Art**, which totaled \$1,231,020. Highlights of the sale included a large gilt-bronze figure of Amitabha of the 15th-16th century in Tibet, which made \$239,400; a gilt-bronze figure of Chakrasamvara from Nepal in the 15th Century, which brought \$201,600; and a portrait of Kashmir Darners, from Punjab, which made \$107,100.

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A GILT-BRONZE FIGURE OF
CHAKRASAMVARA
NEPAL, 15TH CENTURY
Price Realized: \$201,600



A LARGE GILT-BRONZE FIGURE OF
AMITABHA
TIBET, 15TH-16TH CENTURY
Price Realized: \$239,400



A PORTRAIT OF KASHMIR DARNERS
INDIA, PUNJAB, PROBABLY AMRITSAR,
ATTRIBUTED TO BISHAN SINGH, CIRCA 1870
Price Realized: \$107,100

Asian Art Week continues with one more live sale and four online auctions that remain open for bidding until next week.

**MARCH 2024 | ASIAN ART WEEK
LIVE AUCTIONS**

Important Chinese Art Including the Collection of Dorothy Tapper Goldman | 21-22 March 2024, 9 am EST

ONLINE SALES

Landscapes of Japan: Woodblock Prints from Edo to Post-War | 13-26 March 2024

South Asian Modern + Contemporary Art Online | 13-27 March 2024

Arts of Asia Online | 13- 28 March 2024

Chinese Works of Art from the Collection of Dorothy Tapper Goldman | 13-29 March 2024

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